

Resolution # TC-1770

Rules for Size and Weight for Vehicle Loads

WHEREAS, under the Colorado Revised Statutes § 42-4-508 (3), the Transportation Commission of Colorado has the responsibility to determine if Colorado highways have been constructed to standards which will accommodate any additional size or weight limits that may be prescribed or adopted by the federal highway administration or the United States congress; and

WHEREAS, in Title 23 U.S.C. Section 127 (12), in order to promote the reduction of fuel use and emissions because of engine idling, the United States Congress has determined that the maximum gross vehicle weight limit and the axle weight limit for any heavy-duty vehicle equipped with an idle reduction technology, or auxiliary power unit, shall be increased by an amount not greater than 400 pounds; and

WHEREAS, in 1 CCR 209-1 Regulation Series 400 1(c) and 2(c), the Colorado Department of Revenue has adopted rules defining the parameters of the increased weight allowance for heavy-duty vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology, or auxiliary power units; and

WHEREAS, the use of idle reduction technology for heavy-duty vehicles in Colorado should be encouraged; and,

WHEREAS, failing to adopt such additional weight limits for heavy-duty vehicles utilizing idle reduction technology as prescribed by the United States Congress will jeopardize the distribution of federal highway funds to the state of Colorado.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission finds Colorado highways have been constructed to standards which will accommodate the additional 400 pounds for heavy-duty vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology and supports the adoption of 1 CCR 209-1 Regulations Series 400 1(c) and 2(c).

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Colorado Transportation Commission